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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s):)
Erwin Knieling, et al) Title: METHOD AND DEVICE
Serial No: 09/889,439) FOR THE STERILIZATION OF
Filed: July 12, 2001) PACKAGING CONTAINERS
)

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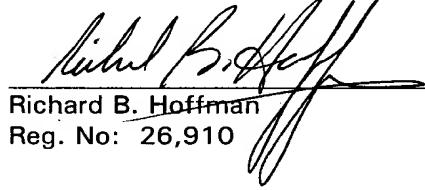
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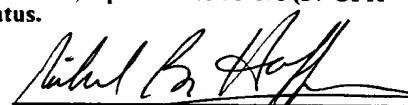
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